

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 12-15, 21-32, and 34-37 are now pending.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 12-15, 21-31 and 36-37 are allowed and that claim 33 contains allowable subject matter.

Claims 32, 34 and 35 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over JP '713 in view of Shibata. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, to advance prosecution, the allowable limitations of dependent claim 33 have been incorporated into an amended claim 32 so that the Examiner's rejection of claim 32 and dependent claims 34 and 35 has been mooted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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